ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Providing a narrow strip of electrically conductive rubber extending from a lower undertread layer to the surface of the tread by positioning a slotted chimney block in an outer tread rubber passage of a tire tread die and having the chimney block passage in communication with a lower undertread passage of the tire tread die.

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